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## Hundreds of new primary places created

**HUNDREDS** of new primary school places are being created to cope with the rise in young children expected to start school in the next few years.

The number of births in the borough went up by more than 42 per cent between 2001 and 2011 – higher than the rest of London. A numbers check in January this year showed that there were 550 more children in reception classes than in January 2009.

As a result, the royal borough's cabinet agreed to create almost 1,500 new places at four primary schools: Windrush in Thamesmead, De Lucy in Abbey Wood, Alderwood in Eltham, and James Woolfe in Greenwich.

Windrush is set to quadruple in size – providing 840 places for pupils, instead of the current 210. It's making use of an old school building in Woolwich Road, Charlton, which will help meet the growing need for primary school places in the Charlton area.

Meanwhile, places at De Lucy will go up to 630 from 420, Alderwood will increase to 420 from 210, and James Wolfe will grow from 420 to 840. The royal borough is now working on plans to develop all three schools, in consultation with parents. Government grants will fund the new school places.

Cllr Jackie Smith, the royal borough's cabinet member for children's services, said: "We are proud of our track record for providing a first-class education for children from the time they start school on day one. We are getting our primary school expansion plans moving now so that we will be ready for the time when more children in the borough will need a school place."



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2nd Sat: St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham High Street, 10am and 4th Friday out a of the month at 6pm.  
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## ROYAL BOROUGH MEETINGS

The following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

April 4 - Eltham Local Housing Panel, 7pm

April 10 - Licensing Sub Committee A, 5pm

April 11 - Woolwich & Plumstead Area Planning Committee, 6.30pm

More information on 020 8921 5130 or [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings)

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(We had to crop Dipesh's picture above - here it is in its full panoramic glory - Ed)

**DIPESH SILWAL: 'I shot this view of The O2 from the top of our flat in Charlton.'**

## LETTERS

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We reserve the right to edit any letters received.

## Arrogance that took my breath away

GREENWICH Council is to be applauded for its commitment to preserve its conservation areas and live up to its name as a World Heritage site. It is a great shame that other groups who claim to stand for the same principles act in a contrary way. I attended a planning committee meeting at the town hall last week concerning a developer's proposal to cut a single house plot in a conservation area in two and put in 10 bedrooms where there had hitherto been only three.

This was rightly challenged by the councillors present. Imagine my surprise when the Blackheath Society spoke in support of the developer, in a breathtaking display of arrogance and hypocrisy given its stated purpose to "preserve and enhance" the area. The public need to be alerted to their behaviour.

**Dr A. T. Bradford**

● THE Blackheath Society replies: "In response to the letter from Dr A T Bradford, the society did carefully consider this application. We respectfully feel that the correspondent failed to recognise all aspects of this particular case."

## Nothing royal about dogs' mess

WE all love dogs - well, most of us love dogs. But not so much as to place them over the health and safety of our little ones.

When we all welcomed the Queen as we became a royal borough, we were all so excited for the good things that will follow.

However, we still have the daily dog poo mess on our streets. Unfortunately, the council has failed to curb this growing habit that has almost become the norm in the borough. Rockmount Road, Granite Road and Purret Road, Plumstead, have all become a dog mess den. Not that the cleaners don't attend to it, but it



seems to me a deliberate act as dog walkers bring their dogs to mess them up again.

**Faustina Anyanwu, Plumstead**  
● THE council agrees that dog mess is dangerous and very unpleasant but it has taken

various steps to combat the problems you describe. Since the introduction of dog control orders in 2009, the council has given 67 fines to people who have breached them. Wardens can issue these penalties and any information we receive from residents can help us to target patrols. Residential streets are cleaned once a week and the message to dog owners is "bag it and bin it". Residents can dispose of bagged dog waste in any general litter bin or with your rubbish that goes in the black top bin. There are signs around the borough and we also stencil messages on the pavement to remind dog owners to pick up after their pet.

## Is there a way to stop park flooding?

EVERY year Avery Hill Park, adjacent to the university sleeping accommodation site floods, and is impassible on foot for approximately three months of the year, December, January and February. The water runs from the entire park to this area, and it is so saturated it has nowhere to go. This has only been occurring

in the last five or six years because previously there used to be a stream, which is now completely blocked, so cannot drain, thus the problem. I wonder if this situation will ever be resolved?

**Eric Roberts, Eltham**

● PARKS dept replies: "Thanks for highlighting this. Due to the low-laying nature of this part

of the park, the ground does become saturated and does flood at times. There have been extremely high levels of rainfall over the last year and the grass area is currently saturated and flooded in places.

The ditches and stream around this area of the park will be inspected and remedial works will take place to help alleviate the problem."

## Congratulations...from Boris

MY sincerest congratulations on the Royal Borough of Greenwich being named Council of the Year at the LGC awards. The award is the apex of Royal Greenwich's markedly successful 2012, which saw the borough take a crucial role in the staggering triumph of London's Olympic and Paralympic Games and become the first newly designated royal

borough this century, while simultaneously maintaining a long-term focus on jobs, enterprise and growth. I look forward to working with you to build on your rightfully rewarded accomplishments as the borough goes from strength to strength in 2013.

**Boris Johnson**  
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# Shining lights

Honours for young people who help and inspire others

**INSPIRATION:** Jean-Phillipe Akmel and his dad Serge meet the Mayor Cllr David Grant

by Dick Townsend-Smith

**MORE** than 40 young people who are shining examples for the way they have helped and inspired others, coped with personal challenges, or proved themselves good citizens have been officially honoured.

The event was the royal borough's 15th annual 'Do the Right Thing' awards at Eltham Palace.

Forty-four students, who had been nominated by their teachers, were presented with certificates by the Mayor, Cllr David Grant.

They included Farid Ahmed, Teddy Howe, James Millar and James Williams, pupils at The John Roan School in Blackheath, who received awards for being model citizens. The four friends found a woman who had collapsed in the park. The boys performed first aid, called an ambulance then waited with her until an ambulance arrived.

Sophie Hobbs was one of three Plumstead Manor students to receive an award. She is a young entrepreneur and a leading member of a young enterprise team that makes and sells jewellery. Sophie who looks after the business's finances and trains some of the younger members, told GT: "I was really surprised to be nominated, but ever so excited to get the award. I was

proud of myself when the Mayor gave me my certificate. My family took lots of photos. It was a fantastic day!"

Munashe Hungwe, a pupil at Shooters Hill Post 16 Campus, received the award for being a community role model, including helping other children and organising community events.

Jean-Phillipe Akmel was one of five pupils at Plumstead's Willow Dene school to receive an award. He won it for being an inspiration to others and was the first child to graduate from the MOVE programme at the school.

Rachel Harrison, deputy headteacher, said: "When he was called to receive his award Jean Phillipe had a huge beaming smile on his face."

At Heronsgate primary in Thamesmead, Jamal Haruna and Kyra Chick were honoured for being model citizens.

Jamal is described as an exceptional head boy and school counsellor who goes way beyond his expected duties to help others while Kyra is highly-regarded for her role in welcoming visitors to the school.

Cllr Jackie Smith, the royal borough's cabinet member for children's services, who said: "It is inspiring to meet such fine young people, who have shown such determination to improve their own lives and those around them. Their contribution to their schools and their community can be witnessed every day throughout the year."



**ROLE MODELS:** Munashe Hungwe from Shooters Hill Post 16 Campus, Tihani Yusuf and Samuel Garcia, collect their awards

## Marathon day road closures

THOUSANDS of athletes are set to race through the capital for the London Marathon on Sunday, April 21. The event will involve extensive road closures across the royal borough from around 7am with a phased reopening.

Affected roads include: Shooters Hill Road, Charlton Park Lane, Ha Ha Road, Grand Depot Road, John Wilson Street, Woolwich Church Street, Woolwich Road, Trafalgar Road, Romney Road, King William Walk, Greenwich Church Street, Creek Road, Charlton Way, Vanbrugh Park, Charlton Road, The Village, Charlton Park Road, Little Heath, Hillreach, Artillery Place, St John's Park, Old Dover Road.

People who live in one of the roads on the route are being asked to park their cars off the route on either the Saturday evening of April 20 or before 7am on the Sunday.

The Greenwich foot tunnel will be open but it will be busy crossing south to north and queues are expected. It will be closed in the north to south direction from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

● For further information and queries prior to the race day call the London Marathon helpdesk on 020 7902 0200 from 9am-5pm Monday-Friday and on Saturday April 20, 9am-6pm.

● A mini marathon for seven to 16-year-olds takes place in Greenwich Park on Sunday April 28. The 2.62 mile run starts at 10am from the bandstand. Participants are raising funds for the Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice. Details on 020 8319 9230 or email [info@gbch.org.uk](mailto:info@gbch.org.uk)

## Volunteer project was mentor be

COULD you be a mentor to a vulnerable adult in your local community?

Volunteer Centre Greenwich, in partnership with the Greenwich Association of Disabled People (GAD), is entering the third year of its Supported Volunteering project.

Over the last two years more than 20 local people have become mentors and this year the project is looking for an additional 10

volunteers. Most mentors have been matched with vulnerable adults in the community to support them on their journey back to work. Training is offered to people living in the following areas: Woolwich Riverside, Woolwich Common, Glyndon, Abbey Wood, Thamesmead, Plumstead, Middle Park and Sutcliffe. Call Barbara Murphy on 020 8853 1331 or email [svp@volunteersgreenwich.co.uk](mailto:svp@volunteersgreenwich.co.uk)

## FOSTERING INFORMATION EVENTS SIGN UP TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FOSTERING

We will be holding an information event for people who are interested in finding out more about fostering.

### Venue:

The Woolwich Centre,  
Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ

### Date and Time:

Saturday 27 April 2013  
10am to 12pm

### Booking a place:

Sign up to come to this fostering event by filling in our online form at:  
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### Contact:

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**Getting Creative with iPad - Make a Promotional Film For Your Business** | Friday 24th May 18:00 - 21:00 one day only | This course is aimed at small businesses who wish to use the medium of film to promote their business. \*Fees: (A) £0.00 (B) £6.30 (C) £9.75 (D) £10.65 (E) £11.40



**Getting Creative with iPad - Exploring Family History** | Thurs 2nd May 18:00 - 21:00 one day only. This course is aimed at grandparents who wish to create something with their grandchildren. Participants will use the iPad and the iMovie app to create a short film. \*Fees: (A) £0.00 (B) £6.30 (C) £9.75 (D) £10.65 (E) £11.40

**Introduction to Film Making** | Monday & Friday 8th/12th April 2013, 13:00 – 18:00 for 10 weeks. An intensive course supplying Camera, Lighting, Sound and Editing skills. Working on one of 4 short films, shot around Greenwich. \*Fees: (A) £0.00 (B) £189.00 (C) £292.50 (D) £319.50 (E) £342.00



**Introduction to Adobe Photoshop** | Tuesday 30th April 2013, 18:00 - 21:00 for 5 weeks | This course will introduce you to the basics of Adobe Photoshop and show you how to use its powerful range of tools for editing your photos or artwork. \*Fees: (A) £0.00 (B) £25.20 (C) £39.00 (D) £42.60 (E) £45.60

**Introduction to Vectorworks, for 3D Interiors and Architecture** | Wed 17th April 18:00 - 20:30 for 7 weeks | Using Vectorworks software you will be guided through techniques to create floor plans, room situ's, incorporating 3D objects and rendering. \*Fees: (A) £0.00 (B) £36.75 (C) £56.88 (D) £62.13 (E) £66.50



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**Introduction to Rapid Prototyping** | Tuesday 23rd April 2013, 17:30 - 20:30 for 7 weeks | Teaching the basics of how to model in 3D using CAD software SolidWorks, creating physical objects using digital prototyping equipment. \*Fees: (A) £0.00 (B) £44.10 (C) £68.25 (D) £74.55 (E) £79.80

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**WALL WELCOME:** youngsters and staff celebrate the launch of the mural, and main pic, a close up of the giant artwork

# Wonderwall

**YOUNGSTERS** at a children's centre jumped all sorts of hurdles to commemorate last summer's Olympic equestrian events

They collected piles of bottle tops and other recycled materials to create a massive mosaic mural in their playground.

The mosaic took around two weeks to make and is displayed on an outer wall of the Robert Owen Early Years Centre, in Commerell Street.

The eco-friendly 16'x4' mural features an equestrian event at Greenwich Park with a horse jumping over a barrier surrounded by the Olympic rings - all made out of recycled products.

Four-year-old Albert helped put together the work and said: "We had to stick all the things down to cover up the white stuff. It was fantastic, amazing."

by Grace Lipski

The youngsters were helped by freelance community artist Roger Mortimer. He told GT: "The children are only small but this didn't stop them from showing real joint effort. They helped to draw faces on the 'spectators', helped stick bottle tops and broken toys on and paint the sides of the drawing. It's very colourful and big and they really understood the purpose of the project, especially when they saw the rings being drawn, they instantly recognised it as the Olympics."

Deputy headteacher Ruth Mercer said: "It's been lovely to recall the memory of last summer's Olympics and involve the children in such a great recycling project. They've loved sorting all the bottle tops and arranging them into different colour bundles. We hope the display will bring more people to the centre."

## Royal borough honour for Your Honour

HIS Honour Judge Nicholas Hilliard QC was formally appointed by the royal borough as the Honorary Recorder for Greenwich, in a ceremony that took place at Woolwich Crown Court last Monday (March 25) in the presence of the Mayor of Royal Greenwich, Cllr David Grant, and the council's chief executive, Mary Ney.

Boroughs and cities have the power to appoint the senior judge at the court which serves it to the position of 'honorary recorder'. The aim is to preserve the ancient links between cities and the judiciary which existed before the old assizes system was abolished.

Judge Hilliard was already Resident Judge at Woolwich Crown Court, which is based at Belmarsh Prison in Thamesmead.

The appointment means Judge Hilliard can wear red robes in court and be addressed as "My Lord", rather than "Your Honour". The Honorary Recorder is an honorary position that links the judiciary with local government and the wider community. One of the roles of the Honorary Recorder is to attend the inauguration of the Mayor and to be invited to other meetings and civic functions as appropriate. This could include civic receptions and freedom of the borough ceremonies.

The Queen appointed Judge Hilliard QC to be a Senior Circuit Judge, Resident Judge at Woolwich Crown Court, on the advice of the then Lord Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke MP.

## New chapter of celebrations

**VISITORS** to libraries can join a series of events to celebrate London's culture and history this month.

A programme of talks, workshops and screenings start today (April 2) as part of City Reads, an annual festival of literature.

Bookworms are asked to simultaneously read A Week in December, Sebastian Faulks' state-of-the-nation novel.

The author is at the official opening of Woolwich Library with leader of the royal borough, Cllr Chris Roberts at 7pm on April 30. In the meantime, locals can take part in the following events:

- A talk about London's theatres at the Eltham Centre on April 4 from 2pm to 3pm. Tel: 020 8921 3452.
- A talk about 2000 years of Greenwich history at West

Greenwich library on April 9, from 2pm to 3.30pm. Tel: 020 8858 4289

- Author Courttina Newland visits West Greenwich library to discuss his work at the relaunch of the African Caribbean reading group on April 11 at 7pm.

● The Eltham Centre has a talk about London's parks and gardens on Thursday April 18 from 2pm to 3pm.

- 600 free books will be given away to library visitors for World Book Night on Tuesday April 23. The date is symbolic as the birth and death date of playwright William Shakespeare, and the death of Spanish novelist Cervantes.

● Celebrations start at 6pm at the Eltham Centre and include book gifting, a family bookmaking

workshop, music and local author James Benmore will promote his book Jackal.

● West Greenwich library hosts an evening dedicated to World Book Night with music, dance and poetry from 7pm. It includes Greenwich Music Hub, and exhibits from Greenwich Open Studios artists.

Feed&Read is hosting a book swap shop and there'll be music and poetry.

● Woolwich Library has a performance of A Midsummer Nights Daydream on Tuesday April 30, along with a Shakespeare parody performance by local children.

● **Details of library events on 020 8921 5750 or visit [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/libraryevents](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/libraryevents) or visit [www.cityreadlondon.org.uk](http://www.cityreadlondon.org.uk)**

## GrIP correction

**APOLOGIES** - last week's story about the first meeting of GrIP - the Greenwich Inclusion Project had the incorrect date. The meeting of the new independent project set up to deal with issues of race equality and hate crime meets on **Thursday, April 4 at 2pm** in Woolwich Public Hall, Market Street. To attend email [3rdsector.commissioning@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:3rdsector.commissioning@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

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**Public Exhibitions****London City Airport's Proposed Development Programme**Following initial consultation in December last year, we will shortly be finalising our plans to **extend and improve the airports existing infrastructure**.

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Details of the exhibitions - where you can see the draft proposals, ask questions of the team and have your say - are opposite.

**Monday 8 April - 3pm to 7pm**Trust Thamesmead,  
19a Joyce Dawson Way,  
Thamesmead Town Centre,  
SE28 8RA**Wednesday 10 April - 4pm to 8pm**Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre  
Albert Road, North Woolwich,  
E16 2JB**Thursday 11 April - 3pm to 7pm**Ideas Store - Chrisp Street,  
1 Vesey Path, East India Dock Road,  
E14 6BT**Friday 12 April - 2pm to 6pm**Britannia Village Hall,  
65 Evelyn Road,  
E16 1TU**Saturday 13 April - 10am to 2pm**Woolwich Common Community Centre,  
16 Leslie Smith Square,  
SE18 4DWFind out more and send your comments to:  
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A cue for disability youth clubs...

# We're on the ball!

by Rod Kitson

**CHARLTON Athletic Community Trust was commissioned last September to take over disability youth services in the borough.**

And the service is being expanded, with more weekend courses organised for disabled young people between the ages of 10 and 24.

There were taster events at Hawksmoor youth centre on Saturdays last month to give youngsters the chance to try the sessions.

Barry Simmons, CACT's head of disability and mental health told GT: "We have been really pleased with the uptake. We had 14 young disabled people come to the Hawksmoor morning on March 16, which is great, because traditionally these things start slowly."

"We timed it with a Comic Relief fun day at the youth centre so it was ideal. There were sports and kick boxing as well as arts and creative activities."

There are also plans for a Saturday club for blind and partially sighted young people, though Barry admits it is a more specialised group.

"We are hoping to set up more courses for young people with complex needs, but they are more specialised," he said.



The Hawksmoor sessions - which are for young people with general and lower level disabilities - are being held weekly from the end of April, and the specialist sessions are planned to be twice a month.

Barry added: "What we're trying to do is expand the number of activities available for young people between the ages of 10 and 24, and go into new areas."

"There will be all sorts of activities at the clubs - from leisure and sport to arts, theatre, music and culture."

There are also evening clubs at Charlton Park Academy, Monday to Friday, and

## Pieter set to welcome Queen to Greenwich

**WHEN Her Majesty The Queen next visits the borough, the person who may be officially responsible for welcoming her is Pieter van der Merwe, writes Dick Townsend-Smith.**

Pieter, (pictured), is the general editor of the National Maritime Museum and Royal Museums Greenwich, and replaces Col. Cyril Young as the Representative Deputy Lieutenant of the borough.

"I deputise for the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, and welcome members of the Royal Family if they visit and he is not able to do so," Pieter said. "The role is also to be his local 'eyes and ears', and what I'm most looking forward to is seeing other areas and aspects of the borough that I don't know."

"The most frequent question

has been 'are you going to wear a uniform?' There is one for deputy lieutenants, but it isn't obligatory and unlike Cyril I'm not a military man. So I'm going to do the job as a smart civilian. There is an age limit of 75 for deputy lieutenants, and they have to live in or within seven miles of their 'patch' so, at most, I have ten years before I have to find a replacement!"

Pieter has lived in Greenwich for nearly 40 years, after joining the National Maritime Museum in 1974. His wife, Elizabeth, also works at the museum, and it's where they met. They have two sons - Tom, 25, who is planning to become a barrister,

and Joe, 22, whose passion is American football, and who is in the current GB squad.

Pieter added: "I'm just getting into my new role - one of my first official events was to welcome the Duchess of Cornwall when she recently visited West Greenwich library and the Fan Museum. I'm looking forward to many new experiences and meeting new people in coming years."







**TABLE TIME:** Miles Kujore and Samantha Wright pot as many balls as they can, while left, a ping ponger concentrates hard

Tuesday evenings at Avery Hill youth club (ages 16-25, with sessions for the same age group at Charlton Park Academy on Thursdays).

Specialist clubs for hearing impaired young people aged 10 to 19 are at Christchurch primary school on Thursdays, and for the same aged visually impaired at Crown Woods College also on Thursdays.

Paralympian Andy Barrow has joined the CACT ranks as an ambassador. He represented Great Britain in wheelchair rugby at London 2012 and his role will

involve mentoring young people engaged in the programme.

He said: "I'm very happy to be joining the CACT team as the disability and mental health ambassador. Charlton has always prided itself on its work in the community and its diverse programmes."

● **For more information on joining the clubs, or if you are a carer or parent and would like more info about the service, call Barry Simmons on 0871 781 2095 or 07816 848 677, or email [barry.simmons@cact.org.uk](mailto:barry.simmons@cact.org.uk). For courses starting this April, go to [www.young-greenwich.org.uk](http://www.young-greenwich.org.uk)**

## ON THE BEAT...crime news

### Manhunt for stab victim

POLICE are appealing for information to trace an injured man seen in Charlton. On Saturday March 2 at 7pm, members of the public contacted police after seeing a man in Rathmore Road, bleeding and dressed only in his underwear. They said he had been assaulted, stabbed in the face and had his clothes stripped from him during the attack. He is described as a black man, in his twenties.

Witnesses stated that the man appeared to come from Victoria Way and was seen walking down Rathmore Road towards Troughton Road. Police dogs followed the man's scent up to Troughton Road where the trail ended. Anyone with information should contact police on 0208 284 9543 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

● HARRY Morris, 20, from Abbey Wood, is wanted for failing to appear at Bromley Magistrates Court on March 28 for criminal damage and attempted burglary. He has links with Woolwich, Plumstead and Belvedere and a tattoo, 'Mum', on the right side of his neck. If you've seen Harry call Greenwich police on 020 3276 0750 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**WANTED:** Harry Morris



### Drugs arrests in dawn raids

MORE than 60 wraps of crack cocaine and bags of cannabis were recovered in dawn raids which saw 18 arrests and 26 warrants issued.

Officers made arrests for offences ranging from possession with intent to supply to handling stolen goods and a breach of molestation order, as part of the Met-wide Operation Hawk.

Suspects in Thamesmead, Eltham, Plumstead and Greenwich were apprehended in the March 27 raids, and Safer Neighbourhoods officers issued further drugs warrants in response to community intelligence.

The warrants resulted from public reports about suspected drug activity in their neighbourhoods.

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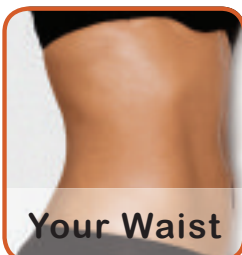
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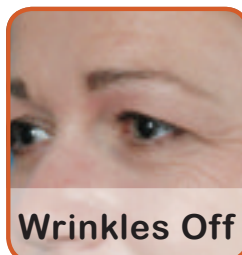
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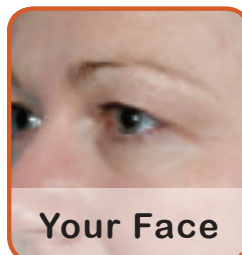
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# OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE NEW WOOLWICH CENTRE

## Woolwich Centre Library

The official launch of the new Woolwich Centre will be held on

**30th April 2013, at 7.00pm.**

The event will include a welcome by the leader of the Council, Councillor Chris Roberts, and the formal opening of the Woolwich Centre. This will be followed by a conversation between the broadcaster Mariella Frostup, the author Sebastian Faulks, and the leader of the Council, Councillor Roberts. The conversation will focus on Sebastian Faulks' publication '1 week in December'.

There will be a Q&A session with the author featuring questions submitted by the audience.

To reserve a place at the event please email [sf.woolwich@gll.org](mailto:sf.woolwich@gll.org) or call your local library to put your name on the guest list.

## Eltham Library

A series of talks by the London Historian Bruce Jerram

Thursday 4th April	London's Theatres	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday 11th April	London's Palaces	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday 18th April	London's Parks and Gardens	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday 25th April	London's River	2.00pm – 3.00pm

## West Greenwich Library

A talk by Greenwich Historian Linda Cunningham

Tuesday 9th April Two thousand years of Greenwich History 2.00pm – 3.00pm

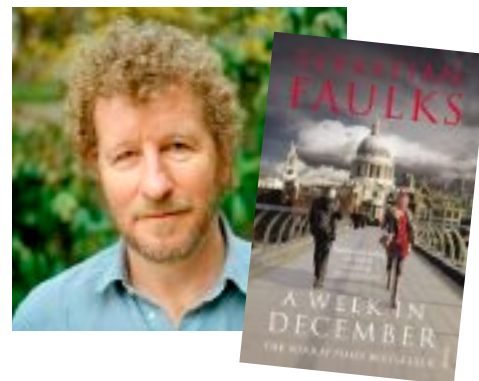
## A celebration of London and its Literature

This year's City Reads focuses on

**A week in December by Sebastian Faulks.**

It is a novel based in London revolving around the lives of seven key characters, their family and friends.

As part of this month's celebration of London life we have a selection of London books for you to choose from plus a selection of London talks for you to enjoy.



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# THERE'S SO MUCH ON OFFER AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Here are just some of the exciting events that are on during April, with Easter themed events children, and reading group events for the adults. For full programme details visit [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/libraries) today!

**Abbeywood Library**  
Eynsham Drive, SE2 9PT  
Tel: 020 8310 4185

**Regular activities**  
Thursday fortnightly

Knit and natter 11.00am-12.00noon  
(4th and the 18th April)

## Children's Events

Tuesday  
Friday 5th  
Friday  
Saturday

Messy Morning 10.30am-11.30am  
Easter crafts 2.30pm-3.30pm  
Rhyme Time 10.30am-11.00am  
Game On! 11.00am – 12.00noon

**Blackheath Library**  
Old Dover road, SE3 7BT  
Tel: 020 8858 1131

**Regular activities**  
Wednesday

Bromley and Greenwich Age UK drop in sessions  
(10th and 24th April) 9.30am – 12.00noon  
coffee morning for older people 10.00am-12.00noon  
(3rd and Wednesday 17th April)

## Childrens Events

Mondays  
Tuesdays  
Wednesday's  
Fridays -

Brain teaser madness hour - 4.30pm- 5.30pm  
Baby Rhyme time 2.00pm- 2.30pm  
Messy morning - April 11.00am-12.00noon  
Songs and stories in Spanish 10.30am-11.00am  
(term time only)  
Story time 2.00pm- 2.30pm

Saturday

## Reading Group

Thursday 4th April  
Monday 17th April

Discussing 'A Week in December'  
by Sebastian Faulks - 11.00am-12.00noon  
Discussing 'The small hand'  
by Susan Hill 7.00pm-8.00pm

**Charlton Library**  
Charlton House, SE7 8RE  
Tel: 020-8319-2525

**Children's Activities**  
Sat 30th March

Monday  
Tuesday's  
Tuesday's  
Thursday's  
Friday's -

Making Easter themed masks and hats  
10.30am - 11.30am  
Baby Rhyme Time 10.00am and 11.00am  
Out of school club - 10.30am -11.30am  
After school club - 3.45pm -4.45pm  
Story time 2.00pm-2.30pm  
Messy morning 10.30am-11.00am

## Reading Group

Thursday 25th April

Discussing – 'A Week in December'  
by Sebastian Faulks 11.00am-12.00noon

**Claude Ramsey**  
Thamesmere Leisure Centre, SE28 8DT  
Tel: 020-857-4246

## Children's Activities

Wednesday  
Friday  
5th April  
12th April  
19th April  
26th April

Rhyme Time 10.30am-11.00am  
Messy Morning 10.30am-11.30am  
Easter bunny paper plate craft  
Blossom tree painting  
Palace guard craft (London theme)  
Printable animal masks (London Zoo theme)

**Coldharbour Library**  
William Barefoot Drive, SE9 3AY  
Tel: 020 8857 7346

## Regular activities

Friday's  
Tuesday

Pop in 'Cuppa and a Chat' from 2.00pm  
Fornightly Crafts: Felt work 2.00pm-3.00pm  
(9th April)

## City Reads Events for Children

Monday  
Tuesday

Crafty Kids 3.30pm  
Messy Mornings 10.30am

## Reading Group

Monday 29th April

Discussing 'Three Men on The Bummel'  
by Jerome K. Jerome

**East Greenwich Library**  
Woolwich Road, SE10 9RL  
Tel: 020 8858 6656

## Regular activities

Fridays

Knit and Natter 2.30 – 3.30pm

## Children's activities

Tuesdays  
Thursdays  
Thursdays

Messy Morning 10.00am – 11.00am  
Baby Rhyme Time 10.00am - 10.30am  
Baby Rhyme Time 11.15am – 11.45am

## Spring Crafts

Tuesday 2nd April  
Monday 8th April

2.00pm -3.00pm  
2.00pm -3.00pm

## Crafts for City Reads

Tuesday 16th April

Make the London Eye 3.30pm onwards

## Reading Group

Thursday 4th April

Discussing – 'Sweet Thursday'  
by John Steinbeck 7.00pm-8.00 pm

**Eltham Library**  
2 Archery Road, SE9 1HA  
Tel: 020 8921 3452

## Regular activities

Wednesday

Bromley and Greenwich Age UK drop in sessions  
(3rd and 17th April) 10 .00am-12.00noon  
Baby Rhyme Time 10.00am-10.30am and  
11.00am-11.30am  
Storytime 11.00am-11.30am  
Baby Rhyme Time 10.00am-10.30am and  
11.00am-11.30am  
IT sessions for beginners in the Teen Zone  
9.30 – 10.30 am

Wednesday

Thursday  
Friday

Saturday

## Reading Groups

Thursday 25th April  
Tuesday 16th April

Ojs at EL 6-45pm - 8.00pm.  
EL 2.15pm - 3.15pm.

## World book night

Come and join us for this special evening celebrating World Book Night and Shakespeare's birthday. **Free adult and children's books available – book gifting from 6pm.** See and hear the winning poems of the Eltham in Verse competition.

- Prize giving and readings at 7pm.
  - Shakespeare book display
  - Local author, James Benmore
  - Special offers on café refreshments
- Come along and make a book as a family with City Lit 6.00pm -8.00pm



**New Eltham Library**  
Southwood Road, SE9 3QT  
Tel: 020 8850 2322

**Regular activities NEW**  
Thursdays Knit & Natter 2.15pm-3.15pm

**Children's Activities**  
Monday Baby Rhyme Time- 2-30pm-3.00pm  
Tuesday Messy Morning 10.30am - 11.30am  
Thursday Baby Rhyme Time 10.30am - 11.30am

**Easter Holiday Crafts**  
Tuesday 9th April Making bunny masks 2.30pm-3.30pm  
Friday 5th April Decorate your own Easter Egg 2.30pm- 3.30pm

**Easter egg hunt in the Library find the eggs hidden around the Library. (running through Easter Holidays)**

**Reading Group**  
Monday 8th April Discussing 'Bleed for me' by Michael Robotham

**Plumstead Library**  
232 Plumstead High Street, SE18 1JL  
Tel: 020 8854 1728

**Regular activities**  
Thursday GUPSHUP - Asian Women's Coffee Morning  
10.00am – 12.00noon

**Children's activities**  
Monday Brain teaser Madness  
Tuesday KURAKANI - Nepalese Family Morning  
10.00 – 12.00noon  
Tuesday Baby and Toddler Rhyme Time 10.30am – 11.00am  
Thursday Homework Club 4.00pm-6.00pm

**West Greenwich Library**  
Greenwich High Road, SE10 8NN  
Tel: 020 8858 4289

**Regular activities**  
First Thursday of the month **NEW FOR ADULTS (16yrs+)**  
Creative Writing Group 7.00pm-8.00pm.

**City Reads 2013**  
Tuesday 9th April WE 2000 years of the history of Greenwich  
2.00pm-3.30pm Linda Cunningham

**Children's activities**  
First Monday of the month Chatter Books Reading and Activity Group  
for 8 - 11 year olds 4.30pm - 5.30pm.  
Tuesday Rhyme Time 10.30pm - 11.00am  
Thursday Messy Morning 10.30am - 11.30am  
Rhyme Time 2.30pm - 3.00pm  
Manga Group (9yrs +) 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Draw and discuss your favourite characters!  
Rhyme Time 10.30am - 11.00am  
Friday

**Reading Group**  
Monday 8th April Discussing 'Death of a salesman'  
by Arthur Miller

#### Re-launch the African Caribbean Reading Group

Courtia Newland will be coming along to talk about his work  
Thursday 11th April at 7.00pm light refreshments will be available  
make a nest and take them home!

**Slade Library**  
Erindale, SE18 2QQ  
Tel: 020 8854 7900

**Children's Easter activities**  
Thursday 4th April Come and join in our fun Easter crafts.  
Easter eggs to be won!! 3.00pm – 4.00pm

**Regular activities**  
1st Friday of every month Knit and Natter next meeting 5th April

**Children's Activities**  
Monday **NEW !** Chatterbooks 3.45pm- 5.00pm  
Monthly reading and activity club for  
8-11 year olds Next meeting 8th April  
Rhyme Time 10.00 am - 10.30am  
Merry Morning 10.30am - 11.30am

**Reading Group**  
Thursday 25th April Discussing - 'The little village school'  
by Gervase Phinn 7.00pm-8.15pm

**Woolwich Library**  
The Woolwich Centre  
35 Wellington Street  
SE18 6HQ  
Tel: 020 8921 5750

**Regular activities**  
Monday Next Steps 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Monday Age Concern 10.00am - 12.00pm  
Monday English Express 11.00am - 12.00pm  
Tuesday Right Futures 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Tuesday Japanese Mothers Group 4.00pm-5.00pm  
Wednesday Knit and Natter 10.00am - 12.00pm  
Monday to Friday Learn Direct Training Centre 9.00pm - 5.00pm  
Saturday Stop Smoking Advice 11.00am - 3.00pm

**Children's Activities**  
Monday Baby Rhyme Time 10.00am-10.30am and  
11.00am-11.30am  
Mondays Manga Group 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Tuesday Story Time 10.30am-11.00am  
Wednesdays Together Sense's Arts 4.00pm-5.00pm  
Thursday Baby Rhyme Time 10.00am-10.30am and  
11.00am-11.30am  
Thursday RASCALS After school club 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Friday Messy Morning 10.30am-11.00am  
Saturday Baby Rhyme Time 10am-10.30am and  
11.00am-11.30am 'Sing-Along-Dads'

**Easter Messy Morning Activities**  
Friday 5th April Make Easter Eggs  
Friday 12th April Make fluffy Lambs and Chicks

**Easter Events**  
Tuesday 2nd April Spring has Sprung Story Time 10.30-11.30  
Thursday 4th April Japanese Craft and Games 4.30pm-5.30pm

**City Reads Events 2013**  
Friday 19th April Make a Swan swimming on the Thames  
Friday 26th April Make St Georges Dragon

**City Reads Events for children 2013**  
Monday 15th April London Rhymes and Song Time  
10.00am -10.30am and 11.00am -11.30am  
Tuesday 16th April London Stories 10.30am - 11.30am  
Thursday 18th April London Rhymes and Song Time  
10.00am -10.30am and 11.00am -11.30am  
Friday 18th April Make London Bridge 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Saturday 20th April London Rhymes and Song Time  
10.00am -10.30am and 11.00am -11.30am

#### World Book Night Event

Tuesday 23rd April A Midsummer Nights Daydream  
Shakespeare parody performed by local children  
Ticketed Event With 'Book Gifting' to celebrate World Book Day

**Reading Group**  
Last Weds of the Month Lunch Time Reads  
12.30pm-1.30pm

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# EDITH NESBIT FESTIVAL

22ND APRIL – 9TH MAY

On the 9th May, three statues of E.Nesbit's creature creations will be unveiled in Well Hall Pleasaunce in honour of the author by best selling children's writer Jacqueline Wilson, who has herself written a prequel to one of E. Nesbit's most famous books. In the build up to this event, Royal Greenwich Libraries will be holding a celebratory fortnight of E Nesbit's writing. From the 22nd April our Chatterbooks reading groups will feature her book and Jacqueline Wilson's prequel 'Four Children and It' and our various craft, and art activities will be celebrating E.Nesbit's creativity in the libraries by participating in an art competition based on her work.

The art competition will ask children to create their own imaginary creatures, based on creations and themes featured in the books of E.Nesbit. Children will be able to enter art work via their local library and also make their own creations at the library messy mornings, craft activity sessions, and manga group meetings taking place in libraries across Greenwich during the two weeks leading up to the unveiling of the statues in E.Nesbit's old garden in the Pleasaunce.

**The winners of the competition will receive a copy of E.Nesbit's 'Five Children and It' and a copy of Jacqueline Wilson's '4 Children and It'.**

**Younger Winners will receive a copy of 'Shark in the Park' by Nick Sharratt.**

## Abbey wood Library

Eynsham Drive, SE2 9PT  
020 8310 4185

Tuesday 23rd April - 10.30 - 11.30am - Make your own lift the flap railway train  
Tuesday 30th April - 10.30 - 11.30am - Make your own Psammead wish mobile  
Tuesday 7th May - 10.30 - 11.30am - Create your own fiery Phoenix

## Blackheath Library

Old Dover road, SE3 7BT  
020 8858 1131

Wednesday 24th April - 10.30 - 11.30am - Design your own dragon  
Wednesday 1st May - 10.30 - 11.30am - Make your own Psammead wish mobile  
Wednesday 8th May - 10.30 - 11.30am - Create your own fiery phoenix  
Saturday 27th April - 2.00- 2.30pm - Mythical creatures storytime 2- 2.30  
Saturday 4th May - 2.00- 2.30pm - Magical storytime

## Charlton Library

Charlton House, SE7 8RE  
020-8319-2525

Thursday 25th April - 2.00 - 2:30pm - Mythical creatures storytime  
Thursday 2nd May - 2.00 - 2:30pm - Magical storytime  
Friday 26th April - 10.00 - 11:00am - Create your own fiery phoenix  
Friday 3rd May - 10.00 - 11:00am - Design your own dragon

## Claude Ramsey

Thamesmere Leisure Centre, SE28 8DT  
020-857-4246

Friday 26th April - 10.30 - 11.30am - Create your own fiery phoenix  
Friday 3rd May - 10.30 - 11.30am - Make your own lift the flap railway train

## Coldharbour Library

William Barefoot Drive, SE9 3AY  
020 8857 7346

Monday 22nd April - 3.30 - 4.30pm - Make your own lift the flap railway train  
Monday 29th April - 3.30 - 4.30pm Create your own fiery phoenix  
Tuesday 23rd April 10.30 - 11.30am - Design your own dragon  
Tuesday 30th April - 10.30 - 11.30am - Paint your own magical creature

## East Greenwich Library

Woolwich Road, SE10 9RL  
020 8858 6656

Tuesday 23rd April 10.00 - 11.00am - Make your own wish mobile  
Tuesday 30th April - 10.00 - 11.00am - Paint your own magical creature  
Tuesday 7th May - 10.00 - 11.00am - Make your own lift the flap railway train

## Eltham Library

2 Archery Road, SE9 1HA  
020 8921 3452

Monday 22nd April - 10.00 - 11.00am Make your own lift the flap railway train  
Monday 29th April - 10.00 - 11.00am - Create your own fiery phoenix  
Thursday 25th April - 11.00 - 11.30am - Mythical creatures storytime  
Thursday 2nd May - 11.00 - 11.30am - Magical storytime

## New Eltham Library

Southwood Road, SE9 3QT  
020 8850 2322

Tuesday 23rd April - 10.30 - 11.30am Make your own lift the flap railway train  
Tuesday 30th April - 10.30 - 11.30am - Make your own wish mobile  
Tuesday 7th May - 10.30 - 11.30am - Create your own fiery phoenix

## Plumstead Library

232 Plumstead High Street, SE18 1JL  
020 854 1728

Thursday 25th - 10.30 - 11.30am Make your own lift the flap railway train  
Thursday 2nd May - 10.30 - 11.30am - Create your own fiery phoenix

## Slade Library

Erindale, SE18 2QQ  
020 8854 7900

Saturday 27th April - 10.30 - 11.30am - Create your own fiery phoenix  
Saturday 4th May - 10.30 - 11.30am - Create your own lift the flap railway train

## West Greenwich Library

Greenwich High Road, SE10 8NN  
020 8858 4289

Thursday 2nd May - 10.30 - 11.30am - Create your own fiery phoenix  
Thursday 9th May - 10.30 - 11.30am - Make your own lift the flap train

## Woolwich Library

The Woolwich Centre  
21 Love Lane, SE18 3QT

Tuesday 23rd April 10.30 - 11.00am - Mythical creatures story time  
Tuesday 30th April - 10.30 - 11.00am - Magical story time  
Friday 26th April - 10.30 - 11.00am - Create your own fiery phoenix  
Friday 3rd May - 10.30 - 11.00am - Make your own lift the flap railway train

**M**IDDLE Park Primary in Eltham has just opened its second 'forest school' and this time it's just a short walk away in the grounds of the vicarage at St Saviour's Church.

The Rev Wendy Saunders – known as the pink vicar because of her distinctive hair – is a Middle Park community governor, and offered the school a large chunk of her garden. She said: "It's a win-win for me. It's a big garden, and its upkeep together with the church and the vicarage is getting harder. So it is to our mutual benefit, because I get a smaller garden, and Middle Park gets a new site for a forest school."

Pupils make the five-minute walk twice a week with their qualified forest school leader to check out what's happening in their new outdoor garden school.

Much of the scrub has been cleared by church helpers as well as professionals paid for by a charity grant.

It means children have logs to look under and can watch birds and insects. A shed has been provided where they can store garden tools, and there is an area where they can grow plants and listen to stories.

Official forest school sessions must be led by qualified leaders and Middle Park has two trained forest school leaders with another about to qualify.

Forest school leader Sandra Drummond said: "Being outdoors in a safe environment is vital for the children. They learn to take risks and can use their own initiative on what to use for materials. It's good for their self-confidence and communication skills."

Year 1 pupil, Elise, six, said: "I want to see where animals make their homes." Frankie, also six, said: "I like playing games with the logs." And five-year-old Shemariah said: "We are learning about what's safe to play with, so we don't touch any dangerous stuff."

Daniel, six, said he was digging for treasure, but found a worm instead. "It's disgusting," he said. "I want to wash him a bit, and make him clean."

Middle Park's new forest school was opened in a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Mayor of Royal Greenwich, Cllr David Grant, in February.

Parent governor Pam Tully said: "It's wonderful seeing the children collect up snails' shells, and that's a lot healthier than sitting and looking at a computer screen." Fellow parent governor Juliet Bourne added: "The children are making up their own games, such as digging holes for foxes. It's widening their horizons, and they've got no fear about getting dirty."

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A growing number of 'forest schools' are bringing children closer to nature by allowing them to explore animals, insects, birds, flowers and trees in special outdoor classrooms. It's a Scandinavian

idea that is supported by the royal borough because of the positive impact it has on children's learning and well-being. Sessions give children the chance to go exploring in a safe and

supervised environment builds greater awareness of nature conservation for them as they get older. And for children without back gardens in, it's their first face-to-face experience of snails, v



LOGGING DISCOVERIES: Elise, Frankie, Samantha and Shemariah, left, Daniel inspects his worm



HANDS ON WITH NATURE: Invicta youngsters

**I**NVICTA Primary School teaches forest school lessons not only to their reception pupils but to the youngest of tots in the borough.

The school in Invicta Road, Blackheath, has two areas devoted to forest lessons.

One is part of the children's centre for youngsters and their families, the other is within the school for pupils in reception class.

The forest school has been at Invicta for four years and was unused space beforehand. It is self-sustained by the pupils and a forest school leader. The reception class, made up of four and five year olds, spend an hour and a half a week where they

play games, do activities and experiments in the outdoor facility which is laden with giant logs, brambles, grass and debris. Every week a parent volunteers to help out in the lessons and helps to make hot chocolate as a reward for the children's efforts.

The pupils put on protective waterproof clothing, wellies, hats and gloves and on occasion use penknives and saws to cut rope, wood and branches. Five-year-old Jacob told GT: "I like the lessons because we get to look for lots of things and we learned you can make fire by rubbing wood together really fast."

Samaram, also five said: "I love playing with mud and water and finding things under rocks. I found ants once and they were all different colours, pink, yellow, green, brown. I like playing with mud outside too." Marie Erol, forest school leader for three years said: "These are very much children's sessions and pupils get to expand on



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Forest Schools are winning  
young fans.



**RIBBON CUTTING:** Mayor David Grant does the honours to open Middle Park's new forest school at St Saviour's Church, above right and below, Thorntree pupils literally get down to earth



**C**HILDREN from Thorntree Primary School on Thorntree Road enjoy doing their bit for the environment as part of the forest school scheme.

Five-year-old Mabel said: "I learnt to do new things, looking for bugs and looking for plants. I made a cake out of mud and lots of things on the ground."

Leon, also five said: "I love finding lots of woodlice and watching things move, I like climbing and hiding."

Four-year-old Joe added: "I like looking for plants, little ones and big ones with my friend Frankie."

During the classes children are allowed to wander freely at their own pace in a large space. Their individual learning styles are accommodated for and their natural curiosity is allowed to expand through the space.

Headteacher Richenda Fenwick said: "We've found since starting the forest school, children have developed their independence skills and self-esteem through small achievable tasks. It's

wonderful to see children returning from the sessions covered in mud and smiles on their faces.

"The pupils have started to take more care and interest in the natural environment and have the opportunity to explore outdoors and become caretakers of the environment, use their imagination and think more creatively."

**T**he royal borough will shortly be publishing a booklet that outlines the impact of forest schools on children locally.

The A4 booklet 'Forest School In Action', explains the benefits of forest schools and is designed for use by schools, playgroups, childminders and people working with young children

Cllr Jackie Smith, the royal borough's cabinet member for children's services, said: "We have encouraged forest schools because of the positive impact the experiences have on children's self-confidence, personal relationships and learning across all areas of the curriculum."

"Children love spending time outdoors and the sense of freedom they experience is a vital part of growing up. Forest schools provide a safe but challenging environment in which children can explore their understanding of outdoor spaces and learn respect for their environment and living things."



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of science, maths and physical  
education as well as thinking  
independently and risk  
assessing."

Sue Spinks is in charge of the  
forest school in the children's centre.

The area was previously a fruit garden.

She said: "We have a drop in session for families to come and get involved in forest lessons. It helps the very youngest children in the borough to engage with the environment and take ownership of their learning as it's less structured and more hands on. Our youngest visitor is just six months old!"





## WIN WIN! TICKETS TO GRAND DESIGNS LIVE



GRAND Designs Live, the UK's top contemporary home show, returns to ExCeL London from May 4 to 12. Presented by design guru Kevin McCloud, (pictured) and based on the popular Channel 4 series, the show offers visitors the opportunity to see all the latest trends for the home. With areas dedicated to interiors, technology, kitchens, bathrooms, build and gardens, there's something for every room in your home. And with over 500 exhibitors, there is a great selection of brands with

100s of items not available on the high street. GT has teamed up with Grand Designs Live and has 50 pairs of tickets up for grabs. To be in with the chance of winning simply email your name, email address and telephone number to [info@granddesignslive.com](mailto:info@granddesignslive.com) and quote 'Grand Designs Live Giveaway'. Competition closes at 5pm on April 12. T&Cs: prize tickets will be valid for any one day between May 4 and 12, offer is for standard tickets only.

## SCENE



A PLAY about love and loss in the Second World War has been brought closer to home with the inclusion of memories from people in Greenwich.

Back in February, playwright and actor Natalie Penn appealed through *Scene* for WW2 evacuees to help her make the performance even more vivid by recounting their experiences.

She had a flood of correspondence from people all keen to tell their stories.

"I had letters from many different areas," said Natalie, from Shooters Hill. "I eventually chose to include a letter from a lady called Pat who was evacuated to Kent. Her recollections sounded quite Dickensian – about going to a farm and being frightened of the lady there. She wanted to come home, she missed her mum and threatened to run away she was so unhappy."

The self-written play, *Lie Back and Think of America*, is about the Smith family from Bethnal Green. Older sister Sarah works in a munitions factory and falls in love with a black soldier from the visiting American army, but fears that her father – and the army – will not approve.

"It was inspired by a documentary I saw – 'Choc'late Soldiers from the USA'," the actor said. "The army was very harsh on black soldiers who

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**A World War Two drama tells the story of an evacuee from London. Writer **Natalie Penn** sought out the experiences of local people to make it feel even more real.**

**GIRL AFRAID:** writer-actor Natalie Penn as eight-year-old Lucy is all alone at the station. Above, the few possessions evacuees took away with them

had relationships with English women in the war."

Sarah's eight-year-old sister Lucy is evacuated to Wales and dreams of home - which is where the real-life letter from Blackheath's Pat comes in. It will be read out as a moving cry to her mother.

"Hearing about the experience really helped me with the performance, especially with the relationships between adults and children at the time," said Natalie. "Kids didn't have much of a voice, the little girl got hit because she speaks out about not wanting to be evacuated."

The period drama is on at

Shrewsbury House Community Centre on April 15 and 16, and then Mycenae House on April 26 (with a sign-language interpreter), before Natalie takes the period drama on a tour of the UK.

The Greenwich appeal was so successful that Natalie is making sure all of the dates of the tour reflect the areas she is visiting.

"I appealed to the newspapers in all the different areas I am travelling to with the play. I got a good response from Somerset, and in Warwickshire there is an archive of letters I have been invited to look at.

"I got such a good response

that I am writing the follow-up play now, called 'Evacuees of Llanelli', which will be a bigger production."

Natalie has struggled with her own demons, battling a debilitating period of manic depression to finish the play.

"I'm hoping the tour will help me get my confidence back," she said. "It is a form of catharsis."

*Rod Kitson*

*Lie Back... is on at Shrewsbury House, Shooters Hill on April 15-16 and Mycenae House, SE3, on April 26. Tickets £8/£6.50. Book on 020 7207 0269/07786 980 781 or by email to LieBackAmerica@gmail.com*



**THEY CALLED HIM MR SMITH:** the Smith Quartet perform under Cutty Sark on last night of festival

## In four a treat at the string quartet festival

IT'S a high-scoring four-of-a-kind for Trinity Laban at the Royal Greenwich String Quartet Festival next week.

It's the third outing for the biannual classical music shindig, which is on from April 11 to 13 at various Greenwich town centre venues.

The headline act is a world premiere of composer Deirdre Gribbin's 'Hearing Your Ears Evolve', which is on at the Cutty Sark on April 13.

On Thursday April 11 at 10am there's the 'Chamber Music Bonanza' in the rooms at King Charles Court in the Old Royal Naval College, with workshops and masterclasses as well as rehearsals from the Carducci Quartet, (FREE) while at 2.45pm BBC Radio 3 presenter Rob Cowan gives a talk on Beethoven in the Peacock Room, (£3).

The climax of the first day is a concert at St Alfege's Church at 4.30pm. (£5)

On Friday April 12 at King Charles Court, the Carducci Quartet give masterclasses from 9.45am (£3),

and there is a concert at 2.30pm.

The Trinity Laban String Ensemble play scores from Mozart and Haydn at 4pm in the Old Royal Naval College chapel, (£5), while at the same venue at 7.30pm, Quatuor Mosaïques perform. (£15).

On Saturday April 13, Quatuor Mosaïques give masterclasses at KCC from 10am for £3, and there are also junior Trinity workshops for the same price.

Trinity's inter-college string quartet competition takes place four times during the day, also at King Charles Court. (£5).

At 6pm Dr Deirdre Gribbin gives a talk about the methodology of composition, before at 6.30pm, the Smith Quartet perform the doctor's new work in the space below the Cutty Sark ship. Entry is free but advanced booking is recommended.

The final evening is brought to a close by the Carducci Quartet, performing Britten, Mozart and Beethoven at St Alfege's Church. (£15/£8).

Tickets on the door at most events, go to [www.trinitylaban.ac.uk](http://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk) for more info and to book, or call 020 8305 4444

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**Family Cabaret. Sat Apr 13**  
Dance, music and circus acts perform.  
5pm. £10/£7.50 concs. 020 8293 9741

## BLACKHEATH HALLS

**Deborah Bonham: Spirit. Fri Apr 5**  
Rock singer visits the Halls with special guest Steve Rodgers. 8pm. Tks £14/£12. 020 8305

## WOOLWICH GRAND THEATRE

**King of Comedy Night. Sat Apr 6**  
Ten acts battle it out to be the ultimate king of laughter. 7pm. £6/£3 concs. 020 8316 7660

## LABAN THEATRE

**U.Dance London 2013. Sun Apr 14**  
Eight dance groups showcase their work in preparation for summer festival.  
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## GREENWICH CHILDREN'S THEATRE FESTIVAL

At Greenwich Theatre and the Tramshed until April 14. Full listings at [www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk) or [www.glypt.co.uk](http://www.glypt.co.uk) 020 8858 7755

## OLIVER'S JAZZ BAR

**Jazz Singers. Fri Apr 12**  
Music bar in Nevada Street features Laura Dudlee Quintet.  
9pm. FREE. 020 8858 0572

## MORDEN ARMS

**Open Mic Night. First Thurs of every month**  
Local musicians are invited to showcase their material and mingle. 9pm. FREE. 020 8858 2189

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**Jekyll and Hyde. Weds Apr 24-Sat Apr 27**  
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**Jeff Innocent MC. Thurs Apr 11**  
Resident comedian takes to the stage to entertain the crowds at the Greenwich's comedy central.  
8.15pm. £4. 020 8858 4581



## PELTON ARMS

**Toot N'Skamen. Sat Apr 13**  
WE aren't talking about the ancient Egyptian king here - the name belongs to a six-piece reggae ska band from Medway who have fast become Pelton Arms regulars.  
The Madness tribute cover all the classics but with a reggae twist. The guys got together as a two-piece with drummer Joe Masters and bass player Steve Welsh in 1985 and played at friends' parties to begin with, branching out to local pubs and clubs in and around Kent.  
They expanded with four extra members further down the line with Simon Lucas

on vocals, Jon Garber on guitar, Kane Mann on keyboards and Phil Brown on saxophone. The band continues to perform at festivals across the country and have appeared at Parklife and Maidstone's River Festival, as well as colleges and universities.  
And they may be a ska band but the group cite their influences as coming from a range of genres including jazz, rock and funk.

**Toot N'Skamen play at the Pelton Arms on Saturday April 13 at 8pm. Entrance is free. 020 8858 0572. [www.toonnskamen.com](http://www.toonnskamen.com)**



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# Cold comfort for no hot water

Plumstead burger bar owners fined £14,000

**RESTAURANT** owners found themselves in hot water with the law because their premises had no hot water.

Food business operators Sevgi Sasmaz and Cansev Sasmaz were fined £14,140 by Bexley Magistrates on March 26 when they were found guilty of serious food hygiene offences.

The couple run the Star Express, on Plumstead High Street, which was inspected by royal borough environmental health officers in November 2011.

Officers found that the gas boiler was broken, and there was no running hot water to the wash hand basin or the kitchen sink which meant adequate hand washing and cleaning was not possible.

A second visit found no action had been taken and environmental health officers served food hygiene improvement notices requiring hot water supplies to the kitchen sink and wash hand basin.

The notices expired and there were further visits between February and April last year. The premises had a very limited supply of hot water available from a tea urn but this was only permitted as a short term emergency response



**NOT HOT ENOUGH:** temperature tests on the restaurant's water were recorded

to the boiler break down. The boiler was eventually repaired and the business continues to trade.

However, the council decided to prosecute the couple because of their persistent failure to comply with food safety requirements and the legal notices. Both defendants failed to appear at Bexley Magistrates Court on a number of occasions, and were eventually arrested by Plumstead police.

The pair entered not guilty pleas and again failed to appear at last month's hearing but the court heard the case in their absence fining them a total of £14,140 including costs. Councillor Maureen O'Mara, the royal borough's cabinet member for community safety and environment, said: "The royal borough works hard to provide advice to food business owners and support them to ensure they operate safely and within the law."

"The vast majority achieve this, but Sevgi Sasmaz and Cansev Sasmaz ignored advice and warnings given on several occasions, failed to comply with basic food safety rules and did not appear to take court processes seriously. This resulted in them receiving a large financial penalty."

● **Food business operators can get free safety advice and support from the environmental health commercial team on 020 8921 8186, email [health@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:health@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)** Customers looking for somewhere to eat can look out for Royal Borough-awarded Food Hygiene certificates displayed in food premises.

**// The borough works hard to provide advice for food business owners //**

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## How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed. Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to: For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time. For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

### BAND

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the Royal Borough of Greenwich must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

## How do I apply?

**1**

### Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application on line at

**[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk)**

**2**

### Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Royal Borough of Greenwich about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

**3**

### Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

**[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes)**

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free at either The Eltham or Woolwich Centre or a local library.

**4**

### Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website **[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes)**

The next edition of **GreenwichHomes** will be available on **Wednesday 10 April 2013 at midday** and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 7 March 2013**.

## 24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes  
(Choice Based Lettings) Telephone  
Bidding Line is available in:  
English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au  
choix ») Ligne téléphonique de  
demande disponible en français  
en composant le :  
French 020 8921 4330

Có sãn Đường dây Đầu giá Điện  
thoại Greenwich Homes (Tài sản  
Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:  
Vietnamese 020 8921 4343

Guryaha Xaafadda Greenwich  
(Guri-ijaar Ku-saleysan kala-  
doorashao) Khadka Ku-tarlanka  
waxaa laga helaa:  
Somali 020 8921 4345

Greenwich Konutları (Tercihle Dayalı  
Kıralık Konut) Telefon ile Teklif Verme  
Hattı Türkçe de aranabiliyor:  
Turkish 020 8921 4347

格林威治家居 (揀選租屋計劃) 開通電  
話競投專線:  
Cantonese 020 8921 4370

க்ரீன்விச் இல்லங்கள் (தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட  
வாடகை வீடுகள்) ஏலப் பிரிவு தொலைபே.  
இங்கு கிடைக்கும்:  
Tamil 020 8921 4300

**[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes)**



# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

**Only  
priority  
applicants  
can apply  
for Bands  
A&B**



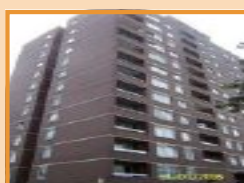
Ref Number: 176021  
**Middle Pk Ave SE9**  
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
**£90.24pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176087  
**Grovebury Rd SE2**  
3 Bed 1st Flr Mais  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
**£100.90pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176532  
**Eltham Hill SE9**  
3 Bed Grnd Flr Flat  
Rad C/H No pets  
1 pkg space  
**£136.66pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176470  
**Azile Everitt Hse  
Blendon Terr SE18**  
2 Bed 8th Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Comm G/H No Pkg  
£110.68pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176524  
**Charlton Lane SE7**  
2 Bed Grnd Flr Flat  
Rad C/H  
**£98.74pw** Bands A&B

## Information Only

### Parlour Houses

3 bed Parlour is  
counted as a  
4 bedroomed

4 Bed Parlour is  
counted as a  
5 bedroomed



Ref Number: 176041  
**Sibthorpe Rd SE12**  
2 Bed House  
Rad C/H  
**£109.78 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176601  
**Middle Pk Av SE9**  
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat  
Rad C/H  
**£90.24pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176534  
**Eltham Hill SE9**  
3 Bed Grd Flr Flat  
Rad C/H No pets  
1 pkg space  
**£136.66pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176535  
**Eltham Hill SE9**  
3 Bed Grnd Flr Flat  
Rad C/H No pets  
1 pkg space  
**£136.66pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176541  
**Ruegg Hse  
Woolwich Comm SE18**  
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Comm G/H  
Entry phn  
**£104.57pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176683  
**Pound Pk Rd SE7**  
3 Bed Parl Hse Gdn  
Rad C/H  
**£120.44pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176781  
**Samuel St SE18**  
2 Bed 4th Flr Flat  
Lifted Rad C/H  
Entry phn No Pkg  
**£91.75pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176785  
**Bracondale Rd SE2**  
1 Bed 4th Flr Flat  
Lifted Rad C/H  
**£79.54pw** Bands A&B

## Small is beautiful the Under Occupation scheme

If you are living in a Council property that is too big for you, we can help you to move to somewhere smaller.

The Council will pay your removal costs, and £350 for each bedroom gained.

To join the scheme you must be willing to move to a home with two bedrooms less than you have now:

- 3 bedroom to a 1 bedroom home
- 3 bedroom parlour/4 bedroom to a 1 or 2 bedroom home
- 5 bedroom to a 3 bedroom (or smaller) home

For more information contact the Project Team on

**020 8921 2671**

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Ref Number: 176508  
**Cleveley CI SE7**  
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Lifted Comm G/H  
Entry phn No Pkg  
**£91.73pw** Band C



Ref Number: 176536  
**Ellison Hse**  
**Lewisham Rd SE13**  
1 Bed 10th Flr Flat  
Lifted Rad C/H  
Entry phn  
**£80.13pw** Band C



Ref Number: 176681  
**Kingsman St SE18**  
Bedsit Grnd Flr Flat  
Combi Boiler & 1 Rad  
No Pkg  
**£72.76pw** Band C



Ref Number: 176742  
**Chalcombe Rd SE2**  
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Lifted Rad C/H  
Min 1 chn any age  
**£88.10pw** Band C



Ref Number: 176765  
**Lord Warwick St SE18**  
Bedsit 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
**£72.76pw** Band C



Ref Number: 176782  
**Marvin Hse**  
**Wrotesley Rd SE18**  
3 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H Ent phn  
Min 2 chn any age  
**£104.03pw** Band C



Ref Number: 176783  
**Maryon Gr SE7**  
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Lifted Rad C/H  
No Pkg  
**£78.95pw** Band C

**Next  
Edition 333  
available  
on  
Wednesday  
10 April  
2013**



Ref Number: 176526  
**Eltham Hill SE9**  
3 Bed Grnd Flr Flat  
Rad C/H No pets  
1 pkg space  
Min 2 chn 1 under 16  
**£136.66pw** Band C



Ref Number: 176786  
**Gilbourne Rd SE18**  
Bedsit Grnd Flr Flat  
Lifted Rad C/H  
Entry phn  
**£74.73pw** Band C

Applicants over 50+ can apply



Pref to LBG/HA Tnts  
Ref Number: 176442  
**Sherard Rd SE9**  
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Gas C/H  
Entry phn No pets  
1 pkg space  
**£127.04pw** Bands A&B



Pref to LBG/HA Tnts  
Ref Number: 176444  
**Sherard Rd SE9**  
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Gas C/H  
Entry phn No pets  
1 pkg space  
**£127.04pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176447  
**Sherard Road SE9**  
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Gas C/H  
Entry phn No pets  
1 pkg space  
**£127.04pw** Band C



Pref to LBG Tnts  
Ref Number: 176451  
**Sherard Rd SE9**  
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Lifted Gas C/H  
Entry phn No pets  
1 pkg space  
**£127.04pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176453  
**Sherard Rd SE9**  
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Lifted Gas C/H  
Entry phn No pets  
1 pkg space  
**£127.04pw** Band C



Pref to LBG Tnts  
Ref Number: 176461  
**Sherard Rd SE9**  
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Lifted Gas C/H  
No pets  
1 pkg space  
**£127.04pw** Bands A&B



Pref to LBG/HA Tnts  
Ref Number: 176443  
**Sherard Rd SE9**  
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Gas C/H  
Entry phn No pets  
1 pkg space  
**£127.04pw** Bands A&B

## SHERARD ROAD PROPERTIES

- 1 Applicants must be over 55
- 2 Open Plan Kitchen
- 3 Electric cooker only
- 4 1 Allocated pkg space



Pref to LBG Tnts  
Ref Number: 176462  
**Sherard Rd SE9**  
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Lifted Gas C/H  
Entry phn No pets  
1 pkg space  
**£127.04pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 176784  
**Blann CI SE9**  
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat  
Entry phn  
Combi Boiler & 1 Rad  
**£90.72pw** Bands A&B



Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

## Important Notice

### Changes to the rents and tenancies of some advertised housing association properties.

#### Affordable Housing

Currently the rent level for the properties you see advertised in Greenwich Homes is significantly lower than full market rents in private sector housing.

From now you will now be seeing some housing association properties advertised for higher rents, up to eighty percent of the market rent. These rents will also include the service charge that you will need to pay for the property. We will use the phrase Affordable Housing on the adverts to help you identify these properties.

#### Please note the Council will continue to advertise all the homes it owns at the standard rent level.

You can bid for properties advertised as Affordable Housing in exactly the same way as for other advertised properties. If you are successful the housing association may want to check you have enough income to pay the higher rent, whether you are working or on benefits. If you are currently a housing association tenant the rent you pay on your present home will not be affected by this change.

#### Fixed term tenancies

You will also notice that the tenancies for Affordable Housing and some other housing association properties may now be for a shorter period than the present lifetime tenancies offered by housing associations. The phrase Fixed term tenancy will be used in the adverts to identify these properties. The tenancy details will be explained to you if you are successful when you view the property.

#### Please think about these changes when bidding for an Affordable housing property and make sure you can afford the home that you choose.

### This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 330

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Temair House Roan Street SE10 9JX	2	FLAT	59	07/12/2011	B
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	1	FLAT	741		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	1	FLAT	51	22/01/2013	B
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	1	FLAT	37	30/01/2012	A
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	2	FLAT	50		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	2	FLAT	36	17/01/2013	B
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	3	FLAT	34		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	1	FLAT	42	05/03/2012	B
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	2	FLAT	36	06/12/2012	B
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	3	FLAT	35		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	2	FLAT	37	07/12/2012	B
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	2	FLAT	504		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	1	FLAT	43		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	1	FLAT	646	12/07/2005	C
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	2	FLAT	381		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	1	FLAT	33		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	2	FLAT	27		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	3	FLAT	27		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	1	FLAT	25		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	1	FLAT	604	25/05/2005	C
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	3	FLAT	386		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	2	FLAT	378		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	3	FLAT	277		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	3	FLAT	30		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	3	FLAT	15		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	1	FLAT	521	12/08/2005	C
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	3	FLAT	17		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	3	FLAT	17		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	3	FLAT	264		
Gladstone House Dowells Street SE10 9FF	3	FLAT	238		
Wythens Walk SE9 2SQ	2	FLAT	61	13/01/2012	B
Tivoli Gardens SE18 5PF	3	FLAT	51	09/03/2012	B
Upton Road SE18 2TN	2	MAISONETTE	43	25/09/2012	B
Edge Hill SE18 3TQ	1	FLAT	549	19/01/2009	C
Commonwealth Way SE2 0LB	2	FLAT	45	05/04/2012	B
Valleyside Lansdowne Lane SE7 8TW	2	FLAT	368	17/11/2009	C
Chrisp House Maze Hill SE10 9XQ	2	FLAT	50	14/09/2012	B
Zangwill Road SE3 8EU	2	MAISONETTE	42	18/09/2012	B
Sovereign House Europe Road SE18 5QN	2	FLAT	436	04/12/2007	C
Erebus Drive SE28 0GB	4	HOUSE	120	28/05/2012	B
Wordsworth House Woolwich Common SE18 4HR	2	FLAT	34	16/01/2012	B
Haddo House Haddo Street SE10 9SG	3	FLAT	25	02/10/2012	B
Sedgebrook Road SE3 8LR	3	HOUSE	158		
Kepler House Armitage Road SE10 0HF	3	FLAT	37	01/03/2012	B
Combwell Crescent SE2 9NA	2	FLAT	25	20/12/2012	B
St Mary Street SE18 5AL	2	MAISONETTE	34	21/01/2013	B
20 Holt Close SE28 8LF	3	HOUSE	84	13/02/2012	B

Pls Note: Gladstone/Freemantle House properties are still to be allocated

## GreenwichHomes adverts

Greenwich Time is now being published 50 weeks a year and is delivered to all residents. GreenwichHome adverts are included in every issue.



ALL DRESSED UP WITH  
SOMEWHERE TO GO: bull  
terriers coaxed into position  
by BBC star Sarah Hadland



## Dogs have their day

THESE bull terriers look really egg-cited about their new outfits... There's an Easter-themed 'doggie fun day' at Eltham Park South on April 13, and the main event on the day is an Easter bonnet parade for bull terriers and their owners. It's being judged by BBC Miranda's sidekick Stevie - AKA Blackheath actress Sarah Hadland. "Working with animals can't be any harder than working with some of the cast in the show," Sarah joked, while she struggled to get

the pooches to sit still for the photograph. There's a serious side to the fun day too - it's laid on by Absolute Bull Terriers, a charity which helps educate people about the dogs and rehoming unwanted pets. ABT's Jane Denholm said: "It's a chance to show what lovely pets they can be, and also to trial a new 'traffic light' system where owners can show other owners what kind of dog they have." There are also stalls, games and food. Free entry 12-6pm. More: [www.absolutebullterriers.co.uk](http://www.absolutebullterriers.co.uk)

**Royal Borough of Greenwich**  
Notice Of Outline Application  
Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)  
Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2010  
Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011  
Article 13 Publicity for Applications for Planning Permission  
Notice under Article 13(2)(a) of an application for planning permission  
accompanied by an Environmental Statement

Proposed Development At: PLOT 0001, 0002, 0003, 0004 AND 0005, LAND AT PENINSULA QUAYS ADJOINING  
MILLENNIUM WAY, GREENWICH PENINSULA, SE10  
Reference Number: 13/0684/F

Notice is hereby given that an application is being made to the Royal Borough of Greenwich By: Meridian Delta Limited for  
Outline Planning Permission in respect of Application for outline planning permission for a mixed use  
development consisting of Class A1-A5 (Retail) and D1/D2 (Leisure, Creche, Community  
use) up to 8,256m<sup>2</sup>, Class C1 (Hotel) up to 38,517m<sup>2</sup> or B1 (Business) up to 33,943m<sup>2</sup>,  
Class C3 (Dwellings) up to 1,683 dwellings (155,228m<sup>2</sup>), up to 982 residential car parking  
spaces (33,471m<sup>2</sup>), up to 129 non-residential car parking spaces (5,065m<sup>2</sup>), public realm  
and open space, hard and soft landscaping, associated highways and transport works,  
associated plant and ancillary works and with full details of access to the TFL North Vent  
Shaft no. 4 of the Blackwall Tunnel and access off Millennium Way roundabout. Drawing  
Numbers: For approval: 1316 P0001, P0002, P0003, P0004, 0003-1, 0003-4, Illustrative Plans: 1316 P0005, P0006, P0007, P0008,  
P0009, P0010, P0011, P0012, P0013, P0014, P0015, P0016, P0017, P0018, P0019, P0020, P0021, P0022, P0023, P0024, P0025, P0026, P0027, P0028, P0029, P0030, P0031, P0032, P0033, Documents:  
CIL Form, Flood Risk Assessment, Planning Statement, Works Method Statement, Sustainability Statement, Statement of Community  
Engagement, Transport Statement, Energy Strategy, Environmental Statement Volume 1: Main Text and Figures, Environmental Statement  
Volume 2: Technical Appendices, Environmental Statement Volume 3: Non-Technical Summary, Design and Access Statement, Letters dated  
8.3.13 and 21.3.13.

A copy of the application and any plans and/or documents submitted with it is available for inspection by the public at [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/planning](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/planning) or at:  
**Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich SE18 6QT**  
between the hours of 9:00 to 17:30 Monday to Friday and 9:00 to 17:00 Saturdays and East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18  
6RL, between normal opening times.

Members of the public may obtain copies of the Environmental Statement from Development Planning at the above address for which a  
charge is likely.

Any person who wishes to make representations to the Council about the application should do so in writing by 23/04/2013 to  
Planning Department, 3rd floor, Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ stating the full reference number(s) above.  
Date: 2-Apr-2013  
Mike Howe - Assistant Director

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**GREENWICH**

**Royal Borough of Greenwich**  
Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)  
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2010  
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)  
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (AS AMENDED)  
Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The Royal Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday at:-  
**Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, SE18 6QT**  
or at the Library shown between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 02/04/2013  
Mike Howe - Chief Planning Officer

**Publicity For Planning Applications**

<b>Applicant:</b> Mr Gray Severndroog Castle Building Preservation Trust	<b>13/0228/F</b>
<b>Development:</b> Repairs and alterations including new external steps and landing, new 2 metre high perimeter security fence and gates, infilling of two external door openings, new sliding glazed doors to main entrance, new kitchen and toilet facilities, replacement of lead roofing and timber viewing platform, new electricity supply cable. Installation of new and replacement mechanical, electrical and telephone services in connection with the above.	
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● DESPITE taking a 2-0 lead with a side featuring the likes of Ben Hamer, Dale Stephens and Mark Gower, Charlton's

U21s suffered their first loss in six matches when they were beaten 4-2 by Brentford on March 18. Semi Ajayi and Joe Pigott found the net, but the Bees fought back after half-time. The development squad is next in action against Barnet at The Valley on Wednesday, April 3 (1pm).

● FANS can join Charlton's first-team squad at this year's player of the year dinner at The Valley on Sunday, May 5, but less than 60 tickets remained at the start of last week. Tickets are priced £30 and include a hot meal and dessert. They are available by calling 0871 226 1905. The annual event is organised by the fans' forum.

● TICKETS for Charlton's away matches against Barnsley on Saturday, April 13 (3pm) and Cardiff City on Tuesday, April 16 (7.45pm) are on general sale, but all tickets are sold out for the trip to Brighton & Hove Albion on Tuesday (7.45pm). For more details, or to buy tickets, call 0871 226 1905 or see [www.cafctickets.co.uk](http://www.cafctickets.co.uk).

**COMMUNITY VALUES:** Matt Parish and Marc Leckie receive the award at The Brewery from Coca Cola's assets manager Byrony Vox



## Community club of the year

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clash with Bolton Wanderers. Players from the Addicks' Down's syndrome team, the Charlton Upbeats, collected donations from fans before kick-off.

"The award is credit to the hard work of the staff we have on board

and is a massive achievement for everyone involved and again underlines the point about Charlton being a true community club," added Jason.

Community director Matt Parish and head of youth and social inclusion Marc Leckie collected the award at a ceremony at The

Brewery, London, in front of 600 guests.

With 80 full-time staff and a pool of over 100 coaches, the Charlton Athletic Community Trust delivers 55 strands of activity and became the first-ever community trust to deliver a local council's youth service in September, 2012.

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# It's all about Trust!

Charlton hailed  
as league's top  
community club

**CHARLTON Athletic have been crowned the Football League's community club of the year.**

As the regional winner in the south east, Charlton went on to beat competition from Cardiff City, Derby County, Huddersfield Town and Tranmere Rovers to claim the overall award.

The Charlton Athletic Community Trust now delivers the council's youth service, which was hailed as the stand-out project that clinched the Coca Cola award from the league's 72 clubs.

Trust chief executive Jason Morgan told GT: "We are delighted to win this award and it's fitting as we complete 20 years of community work at Charlton."

"It's been an amazing year with stats showing we engage with 10,000 young people a week, winning the tender to run the borough's youth service, and then capping the year off with a sell-out concert at the Indigo2 with Olly Murs."

The charity gig raised almost £60,000 for the trust and the Help a Capital Child cause in February.

And on Saturday the club hosted a disability awareness day ahead of their Championship

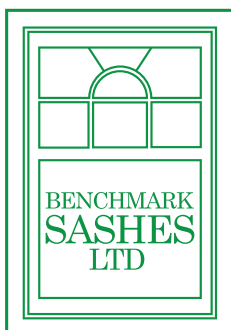


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**COMMUNITY VALUES:** the Addicks's Down's syndrome team, the Charlton Upbeats celebrate a victory ahead of the Saturday afternoon Valley charity collection and Bolton Wanderers game

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